

HENRY L. AND JANET MURDOCH McMULLIN



Henry Lufkin McMullin was born September 4, 1852, at Rockport, Maine, a little shipbuilding town on the coast, son of Henry and Mary Pierce McMullin. He was the fourth child in a family of six, having three brothers and two sisters. The family came to Utah with an independent company, arriving in Salt Lake Valley in the fall of 1855. Their first home was in Weber, then Provo, and then to what is now known as Vivian Park, in Provo Canyon. In 1861 they moved to Heber City.

On December 6, 1862, Henry married Janet Murdoch in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. She was the daughter of John M. and Ann Steel Murdoch and was born December 20, 1865. There were three other little girls in the family when they arrived in Heber, and a fifth one arrived by the time they were located in their first home, a dugout, in the old fort.

Henry L. and Janet had seven children: Janie, Henry Pierce, John Edwin, Gladys (Mrs. Archie L. Davis), Maybell (Mrs. Henry Moulton), Annie (Mrs. J. Sylvan

Rasband), and Thomas Heber. This young couple took part in all the activities incident to pioneering a new community and were privileged to live together to celebrate their golden wedding. When their youngest child was a year old, Henry was called to fill a mission to the Northern States. When released, he made a trip to his native state of Maine, where he enjoyed visiting and preaching the gospel to his many relatives. In 1897 he was called on a six months' mission, to labor in Wasatch and Sanpete Counties. He was one of the aids on the first Stake Sunday School Board; was a member of the Stake High Council 25 years; also a counselor to Bishop Joseph A. Rasband. He was always an energetic teacher. Henry was a farmer. He also did freighting and canyon work.

Janet held positions at different times in all the auxiliary organizations. For five years she was Stake Primary President, and was Heber Second Ward Primary President when the ward was organized. She served in the Stake MIA and ward Relief Society. For 92 years she lived and loved this valley and its people. Aunt Net, as she was called by all, died June 12, 1948. Henry died December 20, 1932.

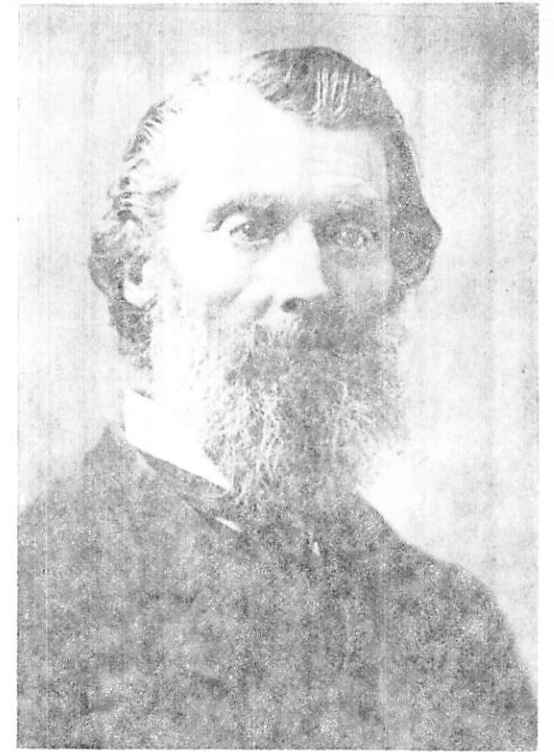
The first chapel, a log structure 20x40 feet, was built in time for the Pioneer Day celebration, July 24, 1860, and served the saints for nearly five years. Though it was small and its furnishings crude, it was accepted in the sight of the Lord. Those who came within its walls to worship were blessed abundantly with His spirit.

Because the people had faith that their new valley would be fruitful and yield food to sustain their lives, they were blessed profusely by the Lord. Their numbers grew rapidly and in 1861 the officials of the Church felt a ward should be organized.



JOSEPH STACY MURDOCK
First Bishop of Heber City

A familiar pattern in early Church government was followed as President Young and the general authorities established the ward in Heber. Joseph S. Murdock, not a resident of the valley, yet a man who had proved his ability in Church leadership, was ordained as bishop of the new ward. Under the direction of Church officials he moved with his family to Heber City and set about to organize the new ward. This pattern of calling Bishops and Stake Presidents was followed for many years by President Young and his successors, and proved to be a valuable train-



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